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10/708,718	03/19/2004	Paul R. Hickert	1480.01	2717

TITLE OF INVENTION: AIR BARRIER DEVICE FOR PROTECTING LIQUID FLUIDS IN OPENED CONTAINERS

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Filed: 03/19/2004) Examiner: Joseph A. Kaufman
For: Air Barrier Device for Protecting Liquid Fluids in) Confirmation No. 2717
Opened Containers)
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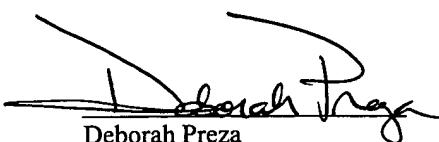
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